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It is an old and familiar truth, but one too often disregarded, that business makes business. The presence of a factory, of a jobbing house, of any well developed line of trade tends to bring more and more customers to the point where it is located. Professional men in cities endeavor to secure offices in buildings were a host of others of the same profession are housed. They do not fear competition, they court it, knowing that the supply of agencies for conducting any business attracts that business in proportion to its completeness.

An exchange says: "Farm life need not be a drudgery unless we make it so. One of the great drawbacks is that we are apt to fall into ruts, and once firmly in it seems more difficult to get out than it really is. Music, books and papers are as much in place in the farmer's hand as anywhere, and with a little planning time can be spared to attend places of entertainment, and to visit socially." If any set of folks can get up a better social condition than used to be enjoyed by old-time farmers and their families, we would like to hear of it.

It was this sublime sentiment—love of country—that achieved our national independence, laid the foundations of our government, inspired and created our constitution, and paved the way for all that magnificent material, intellectual and moral progress which has made luminous with an incomparable splendor the history of the nation. It was patriotism that preserved the union of these states in the perilous days of 1861, and that cemented it into granite firmness and indissoluble unity with the blood of America's noblest sons shed on a hundred battlefields.

There is a movement in the United States, though small at present, but growing fast, that will become alarming if unchecked. It is the drift of the people—more particularly the young people—toward the towns and cities. In the west this is true to a certain extent, although not so conspicuous for its size, but in Massachusetts this drift has already caused embarrassment. The village laborer is going away and no laborer takes his place. The strong man, the adventurous and the young migrate to the towns, leaving behind them the old, the weaklings and the few who, for one reason or another, cannot afford to depart.

This persistent ignoring of what is one possible solution of the suffering in cities, is something which time and patience can obviate. The aversion to farm life, where it exists, is based on rebellion against what is limited and provincial, but it asserts itself in a misleading and unfortunate way. The routine of farm life itself does not attract an adventurous spirit; it does not appeal to the ambitious young man or woman. Both feel that the stirring of the heart that comes with the thought of their future can only find a response in the conditions of urban life. They have an impression, which is so far a conviction that no argument can shake it, that in the city are constant golden opportunities to be had for the grasping. Most of them never learn this.

There are many reasons why prophecies in regard to the weather should be made cautiously if at all, should be couched in ambiguous terms, and should be furnished with the best modern appliances to facilitate hedging in quick time and at a moment's notice. It was well enough in primitive days for weather-wise backwoods men to hazard prognostications on the horns of the moon, to calculate the time of the coming of the frost by the first chirp of the katydid, to foretell the approach of spring by the aid of the sapient ground-hog, and to read the story of the coming winter on the surface of the goosebumps. But the speculator who thinks he sees signs of early frosts or of destructive droughts engages in risky business when he gambles on his or other people's weather predictions.

HERBERT SPENCER gave his important judgment against the new international copyright law. He objects to it that it adds only men of established reputation, and leaves the new author who has a reputation to make unprotected, also that, from the fact that it is mostly inoperative in the case of lighter literature, and altogether so in the less wholesome and valuable part of such literature, the dissemination of this latter at low rates, is aided in comparison with better books. Finally he objects to the clause which compels the manufacture of two sets of plates from type separately set up as wasteful and unreasonable. He says that it is so objectionable to him that he shall never allow his own books to be published under the international copyright law. In short, for his use, it is worse than no law at all.

SOUTH CAROLINA has no divorce laws and will not recognize the laws on that subject of any other state. In South Carolina to be once married is to stay married until it is time to call in the undertaker. It is recorded that a South Carolinian not many years ago left the wife of his early manhood, and, removing to Florida, obtained a divorce, and at once assumed second matrimonial responsibilities. Later he returned to his native state to learn from a South Carolina court that the validity of his second marriage was not recognized in South Carolina, and that his children by that marriage could not, at least in that state, inherit his property. If the laws in all the states approached the perpendicular attitude of South Carolina on divorce marriages would be regarded as a more serious contract than men and women not regard it. Courtship would be longer drawn out and marriage, therefore, not as sudden as a lightning stroke.

KILLED HIS FRIEND.

A Mexican Murders a Man Whom He Mistakes for an Enemy.

ATTEMPTED JAIL DELIVERY FRUSTRATED

While Trying to Start a Fire in the Store a Young Lady's Dress Becomes Ignited and She is Badly Burned.

OAKVILLE, Tex., Nov. 14.—About 2 o'clock on the night of Nov. 5 a pistol shot rang out on the still atmosphere of Belandina Bend and the spirit of Jose Gonzales passed to the other side. The report of the gun awoke from slumbering the denizens of said Bend and the body of Jose was soon found wrapped in his blanket with a hole made by a bullet through his head—killed while asleep. The man had not an enemy as far as known. Early the next morning W. B. Wright, constable of precinct No. 2, was sent for. Wright examined the ground, took in the situation, made inquiries and it was not long before suspicion rested on one Benito Baccato, a warm friend of the deceased, but a bitter enemy of the man that looked like the deceased. In a short time Benito confessed to having fired the fatal shot. He said he thought it was his enemy he was killing. Benito had an ex-convict trial before O. H. Wright, justice of the peace, and on bail being refused he was remanded to the jail to await the action of the grand jury.

GARZA AGAIN.

EAGLE PASS, Tex., Nov. 12.—The report that Catarino Garza is in the neighborhood of Eagle Pass has caused the authorities of Piedras Negras to take precautionary measures against a surprise from his revolutionary band. The citizens have received notice from the alcalde to arm themselves and to be ready upon a moment's notice to defend the city from an attack. The alarm was occasioned by a revolutionary circular emanating from Garza, purporting to have been issued in the state of Tamaulipas on having the date of Nov. 1, calling on the young men of the republic to come to his assistance in his efforts to overthrow the Diaz government. The jefe politico has been wired at Saltillo to return to Piedras Negras at once.

KILLED BY A WOMAN.

WACO, Tex., Nov. 11.—At 8 o'clock last night Josephine Tumbler shot Joe Miller three times through the body, killing him instantly. They had been living together, but had parted. Joe Miller was at Josephine's door and demanded the return of a pair of blankets. Josephine barred her door and Joe tried to force an entrance, with the result stated. Josephine ran out with the smoking pistol in her hand and surrendered to the policeman on the beat. She was looked up. Joe Miller was an intelligent and popular negro. The negroes are greatly excited and talked of lynching the woman, but she was safely jailed.

THE DEADLY FIRE.

WACO, Tex., Nov. 9.—Yesterday morning while a violent electric storm was raging John Reeves, a colored man, entered a shed for shelter. In a few minutes he was heard to give an unearthly scream, as if in mortal anguish. A railway man ran into the shed and found the negro dead. Beside him was a broken feed wire of the electric light plant. Opinion varies as to whether he died from the current of the electric light or a stroke of lightning or both. He was horribly scorched.

A FLOATER FOUND.

HAYATA, Tex., Nov. 23.—Last Friday the body of a man who, from all appearances was an American, was found floating in the river near this place. It had three ugly knife wounds in the left side, any one of which was sufficient to cause death. The body had been stripped of all outside clothing and there was nothing by which it could be identified. Evidently there has been foul murder committed and the victim thrown into the muddy waters of the Rio Grande with the hope that all trace of him would be lost.

ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.

RICHLAND SPRING, Tex., Nov. 13.—Walter Ballard, son of Squire Ballard, living near this place, was killed Saturday night by the accidental discharge of a target gun. While out hunting with a number of other boys, he was walking behind another boy who was carrying a loaded gun. The gun went off and the bullet passed through Walter's head, striking him just below the heart. He died in thirty minutes.

THE MORPHINE ROUTE.

GALVESTON, Tex., Nov. 9.—Susie White, a French creole, who recently came to this city from New Orleans, died Saturday night from an overdose of morphine. She was a variety actress and had been sick for about three weeks. During her illness she had been taking morphine, and she took an overdose Saturday evening, which resulted in her death about 9:30.

CHILD DROWNED.

COLORADO, Tex., Nov. 12.—The 2-year-old child of Thomas Harley was drowned in the Colorado river yesterday afternoon while playing on the bank near its father's house with a number of other children. It fell off the bank into about four feet of water. None of the children being old enough to render assistance it was drowned before help could be summoned.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT HIMSELF.

CROCKETT, Tex., Nov. 10.—Robert Nunn, son of Col. D. A. Nunn, accidentally shot himself through the arm yesterday while out duck-hunting. The lead entered the wrist, completely shattering the bones, and it is feared amputation will be necessary.

FROM EAR TO EAR.

WHITEWRIGHT, Tex., Nov. 11.—Mrs. J. H. L. vely committed suicide at 1:30 o'clock yesterday evening by cutting her throat with a razor. She

RED RUM IN MAINE.

How Indignities Are Heaped Upon Preachers and Church People Generally.

HORRIBLE DOUBLE MURDER AND ROBBERY

While Hunting a Father Accidentally Kills His Son and is Found Wandering Aimlessly in a Demented Condition.

LINCOLN, Me., Nov. 14.—The recent raid on the liquor dealers of this place and their conviction at Old Town Thursday furnished the sequel to a remarkable story of the undisturbed doings of a certain element in this town. This element had sufficient power and recklessness last summer to turn a pastor of the Congregational church from his boardinghouse because he preached temperance sermons. It pelted him with rotten eggs and stones while going home from church, it set dogs upon him in the streets of the village and this in the day time. It thrust a bottle of rum under his nose in the streets and demanded that he drink it. It also egged the Methodist minister on the streets and threatened his life, yet no one interfered. An Indian girl was filled with liquor and laid naked at the church door one evening just as the people were coming out with a burning torch not far away to light up the scene.

DESPERATE MINERS.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 11.—Matters between the rebellious miners and the state of Tennessee are almost at a standstill, the governor asserting that he will rebuild the stockades and the miners daring him to do it. Gov. Buchanan realizes the responsibility and is much alarmed at the aspect of affairs here. He has been in communication with the secretary of war for some days past and has asked aid of the United States if the worst comes. The general opinion in the south is that a serious fight cannot be averted. Gov. Buchanan is said to fear his handful of troops will not be able to withstand the 6000 miners of East Tennessee, who will be reinforced by 30,000 others from Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky, Alabama and Virginia, and would probably put to flight all available militia at his command and then override the whole state in reckless outlawry. The miners are preparing for emergencies. Not only have they promise of aid from their brethren, but the Knights of Labor as well will help them.

RENTAL MONEY MINERS.

PLEASANTON, Kan., Nov. 10.—Saturday evening Dan Williamson and Wm. and Bert Austin, negro coal miners, were arrested and taken to the county jail at Mound City, Kan., charged with a scuffle with a Magistrate. A 16-year-old daughter of the girl, who is not expected to recover. Early Sunday morning a band of about twenty-five increased citizens gathered at the edge of town and rode to Mound City with the avowed purpose of lynching the negroes. Their purpose was discovered, however, and the sheriff was warned by telephone. The deputy in charge of the jail secured a rig handcuffed the three negroes and drove them to Fort Scott.

INJURY FROM GRIEF.

SALISBURY, Mich., Nov. 14.—Samuel Wilkinson, a prominent farmer and Alliance man, went hunting with his 14-year-old son, and not returning, a search was instituted. The body of the boy was found lying across a log. His head was riddled with shot. His own gun and his father's gun were lying on the ground. The father was found in a crazed condition twenty miles away, could not make himself understood. The theory is that he killed his son accidentally and the shock caused insanity.

BIG DIAMOND ROBBERY.

DAYTON, O., Nov. 11.—Twenty thousand dollars' worth of diamonds and jewels were stolen from a Dayton and Michigan passenger train at the depot here on last yesterday, and the police are unable to find any clue to the theft. Mr. Keming, traveling salesman for the firm of Herman & Keck, diamond dealers of Cincinnati, was on the train on route home. At the depot he left his gripcase in the seat while he left the car to get a lunch. In the gripcase were \$20,000 in diamonds, and when he returned the grip was gone.

MURDERED AND BURNED.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Nov. 12.—Neighbors of Mrs. James Mines, a widow, living near Calverly, Farquhar county, discovered the barn on fire and breaking open a door, discovered the remains of Mrs. Mines and two children almost burned to a crisp and the body of the other child some distance off with bruises on the face and head. A coroner's verdict was that Mrs. Mines and her three children had been murdered and the barn set on fire. No clue.

DOUBLE MURDER.

CHICAGO, Nov. 14.—A horrible murder and robbery was committed here Thursday night, the victims being Mrs. Gretchen Lensenberger, proprietress of a saloon, No. 444 south Clark street, and her 15-year-old son, George, who were both choked to death and left lying on the floor. The theft was forced open and the drawers behind the bar ransacked.

SUICIDE OF A MERCHANT.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—George Lawrence, a Pittsburg merchant, suicided in the Everett house by shooting himself in the head with a revolver Tuesday night. He wrote a letter to a friend stating his intention of shooting himself.

KICKED TO DEATH.

FORT SMITH, Ark., Nov. 11.—Tobe Harles, a prominent business man of Webber's Falls, I. T., was kicked by a horse Monday evening, receiving internal injuries which resulted in his death.

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